



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application. No. : 10/015,573  
Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETECTING FAILURES AND RE-ROUTING CONNECTIONS IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK  
  
Applicant : Gary J. Puppa et al.  
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Commissioner of Patents  
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**AMENDMENT/REPLY**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and,

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.